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C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 103

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS BF CUX

SUBJ: CUBANS FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS

REF: NASSAU 94

1. AS EMBASSY SUSPECTED, THE CUBAN DELEGATION (SEE REFTTEL) DID COME TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF TRADITIONAL FISHING RIGHTS RATHER THAN JUST THE PRESENT CASE. HOWEVER, AS THE COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY THE GCOB FROM CUBA ONLY SAID THE GROUP WAS BEING SENT TO DEAL WITH THE INSTANT CASE THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PAUL ADDERLEY, REFUSED TO SEE THEM. THEY DID MEET WITH LESSER OFFICIAL OF THE MEA.

2. THE ORIGINAL "NO PLEA" WHICH WAS ENTERED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE LAST WEEK WAS DONE TO ALLOW TIME FOR CUBA TO SEND THE REPRESENTATIVES MENTIONED ABOVE. AT TODAY'S TRIAL (JANUARY 16) THE FISHERMEN PLEADED GUILTY. TWO OF THE CAPTAINS WERE FINED \$1,000 EACH FOR ILLEGAL FISHING, AND THE THIRD \$500 FOR ATTEMPTED FISHING. NONE OF THE CREWMEN WERE FINED NOR WAS ANY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST NOR FINES LEVIED ON THE BOATS.

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3. THE TREATMENT OF THE CUBANS DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH

TREATMENT RECEIVED BEFORE THE COURTS BY CUBAN-AMERICAN FISH-  
ERMEN, WHERE THE FINES ARE CONSIDERABLY HEAVIER AND LEVIED  
AGAINST ALL CREW MEMBERS. FURTHERMORE FEES AGAINST CUBAN-  
AMERICAN BOATS RUN TO \$4,000 OR \$5,000. WHEN AN EMBASSY OFFI-  
CER RAISED THIS POINT INFORMALLY WITH ADDERLEY, HE REPLIED  
THAT THE FLORIDA-BASED BOATS TRY TO SINK THE BAHAMIAN POLICE  
BOATS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GCOB ATTITUDE IS ALSO INFLUENCED  
BY WHAT THE BAHAMIANS REGARD AS AN ECONOMIC THREAT FROM THE  
CUBAN-AMERICANS WHO ARE "STEALING A POTENTIAL BAHAMIAN EXPORT",  
CRAWFISH, WHILE THE CUBANS WERE ONLY GROUPE FISHING.  
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